

Adult Protective Services

Chapter 5.D Self-Neglect Findings

- A. Self-neglect means that as a result of an adult's inability, due to physical and/or mental impairments or diminished capacity, the vulnerable adult is unable to perform essential self-care tasks or obtain essential services to such an extent that there is actual physical injury or imminent danger of physical injury or death.
- B. Self-Neglect Findings
- a. Confirmed- when the alleged victim meets the criteria of a vulnerable adult and the inability to obtain essential services has reached the point that the vulnerable adult is subject to physical injury or imminent danger of physical injury or death. An allegation with this finding will not list any persons on the Central Registry.
 - i. In order to confirm the presence of Self-Neglect, the CFS Specialist will identify and document the following factors:
 - 1) The alleged victim is a vulnerable adult;
 - 2) The vulnerable adult, due to physical and/or mental impairments or diminished capacity, is unable to perform essential self-care tasks or obtaining goods and services necessary to maintain physical health, mental health; and;
 - 3) There is physical injury to a vulnerable adult or imminent danger of the vulnerable adult suffering physical injury or death.
 - 4) A description of the type of essential services being neglected. For example, hygiene, safe shelter, food, medication, and/or wandering.
 - b. Not Confirmed-when the alleged victim meets the criteria of a vulnerable adult, but the vulnerable adult is able to make decisions and to obtain essential services. An allegation with this finding will not list any persons on the Central Registry.
 - c. Not a Vulnerable Adult – when the alleged victim does not meet the criteria needed to be considered a vulnerable adult at the time of contact. This finding does not make a determination regarding the allegation. An allegation with this finding will not list any persons on the Central Registry.
- C. Notification: There is no notice of finding required.